

REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation that claims 21 and 22 are allowed. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

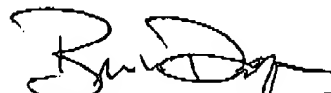
On November 18, 2003, the undersigned attorney, Brian M. Dugan, telephoned the Examiner to inquire whether the Examiner would allow the present application if Applicant canceled claims 1-15 and 23-28 and added claims that depend from allowed claim 21. The Examiner indicated that he would likely allow the case assuming the dependent claims were proper. The Examiner also indicated that the addition of method claims having similar limitations to that of claim 22 were unlikely to be entered without the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. The prior art of record was not discussed.

In response to the Final Office Action, the Applicant cancels claims 1-15 and 23-28 without prejudice, and adds new claims 29-40, which depend from allowed claim 21. Consequently, claims 29-40 should be allowable for at least the same reasons as allowed claim 21. All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

A separate Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith. The Applicant does not believe any other fees are due regarding this amendment. If any additional fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. The Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the

Applicant's attorney to discuss the amendment should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,



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